

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Carl H. Poppe

Attorney Docket No.: RHE1P004

Application No.: 09/800,264

Examiner: D. Bochna

Filed: March 5, 2001

Group: 3679

Title: TUBE CONNECTION SYSTEM

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Signed:

Deborah Neill

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

| | Claims After Amendment | | Highest Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Small Entity Rate Fee | Large Entity Rate Fee |
|--|------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Total Claims | 55 | MINUS | 36 | 19 | x 9 = | x 18 = 342.00 |
| Independent Claims | 8 | MINUS | 3 | 5 | x 42 = | x 86 = 430.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid | | | | | \$140.00 | NA |
| | | | | Total | \$ | \$772.00 |

| | Applicant(s) hereby petition for a extension(s) of time to respond to the |
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| | aforementioned Office Action. |
| \boxtimes | Applicant(s) believe that no Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize |
| | the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to |
| | Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. RHE1P004). |
| \boxtimes | Enclosed is our Check No. 9103 in the amount of \$772 to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees. |
| \boxtimes | Please any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. RHE1P004). |

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents Box Fee Amend Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Dear Sir:

This is an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2004, for the above-identified patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 3, 5, 11, 13, 17 21 and 28-30 as follows:

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